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Office Action Summary

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Sarah Puroi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/55/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

The Examiner makes note of the substitute specification submitted 3/23/05 and marked up copy attached thereto. The Examiner also makes note of the assertion by applicant that no new matter has been entered and this appears to be so in that the substitute specification has been thoroughly reviewed by the Examiner.

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claims 13-26 are currently pending in the case.

Claim 13 and 14-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. There appears to be duplicate claim language in claim 13 with regards to the cross strut being articulated to the upper end of the side frame parts. Also there seems to be lack of antecedent basis and lack of support in the specification. In addition, it is not clear if the receiving bags are claimed or just intended for use.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 13-16, 20,24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glover et al. 6516823 in view of Kalnay 6766623. Glover et al. teach the device claimed absent the the side parts being connected articulately to the base part. Kalnay teach the side parts 104 being connected articulately to the base part 103,107. To modify Glover et al. to have side parts connected articulately to the base

as taught by Kalnay for foldability would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

Claims 13-16, 20, 24-26 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over prior art of record EP0612301 in view of Glover et al. 6516823. (Note pipe clamp 62,63,64,65). To modify EP0612301 with Glover et al. for the purpose of foldability would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

Claims 17-19,21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of either Glover et al. in view of Kalnay or EP0612301 in view of Glover et al. and further in view of Zheng 6926020. The combination teaches the device absent the stacking corner post. Zeng teaches the stacking corner post. To provide the combination with stacking corner post as taught by Zeng for the purpose of providing more space would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah Purol whose telephone number is 571-272-6834. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday -Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai, can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Sarah Purol/

Primary Examiner

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